

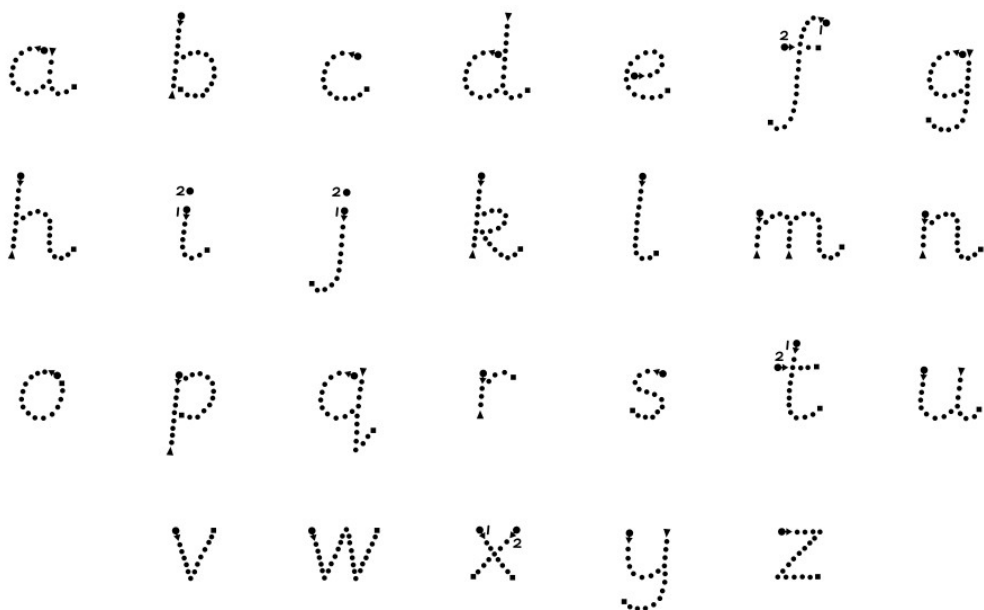
## Saxon Handwriting

### Letter groups:

For simplicity, the letters of the alphabet can be sorted into four main movement groups. Some letters have different forms *z*, *b*, *k*, *y*, *v*, and so these fall into two groups. Some letters e.g. *f*, *s*, have some affinity with a group but could be taught separately. The advantage of aligning letters with a key letter is to help children to remember the starting point and subsequent movement of the letter. This is particularly effective in discriminating *b* from *d*.

### The four groups are:

- down and off in another direction, exemplified by the letter *l* (long ladder): letters *i*, *j*, *l*, *t*, *u*
- down and retrace upwards, exemplified by the letter *r* (one-armed robot): letters *b*, *h*, *k*, *m*, *n*, *p*, *r*; (numbers 2, 3, 5 follow a clockwise direction)
- anti-clockwise round, exemplified by the letter *c* (curly caterpillar) letters: *c*, *a*, *d*, *e*, *g*, *o*, *q*, *f*, *s*; numbers: 0, 6, 8, 9
- zigzag letters: letters: *v*, *w*, *x*, *z*; numbers: 1, 4, 7
- In line with Little Wandle Progression for Handwriting.



a b c d e f g h i j  
k l m n o p q r s  
t u v w x y z

Step 1: Children are taught to print letters. When they are ready, will be retaught with joins

1. c a d g q o
2. e s f
3. i l t
4. u y j k
5. r n m
6. h b p
7. v w x z Supporting activities
8. tracing patterns
9. tracing
10. copying over (letters, numbers, words)
11. copying under

Step 2: Introduction of the four handwriting joins

1. First join; un um ig id ed eg an or in gung
2. Second join; ch sh th tl ll ill sli slu ck ack st sti ink unk
3. Third join; od pg re ve oon oom
4. Fourth join; wl vl of ff fl flo

5. Practise the break letters; b p q r y j z
6. Practise capital letters. Supporting activities
7. Match and copy captions
8. Trace and copy patterns
9. Copy words
10. Copy sentences
11. Write out menu
12. Copy poem alphabetical ordering.

### Step 3:

Practise capital letters.

Further practise of the four handwriting joins

in ine

ut ute

ve vi

ok oh

1. sh as es (practise two joins for the letter S)
2. ri ru ry (practising joining from the letter r)
3. oa ad as (practising to and from the letter a)
4. ee ea ed (practising joining from the letter e)
5. ow ov os (practising joining from the letter o)
6. ky hy ly (practising joining to the letter y)
7. ha ta fa (practising joining to the letter a)
8. od oo og (practising joining to the o)
9. er ir ur (practising joining to the letter r)
10. ai al ay
11. o you oi
12. re oe fe (practising the horizontal join to the letter e)
13. fu wu ru (practising the horizontal join to the letter u)
14. ot ol ok (practising joining to ascenders)
15. ai al ow ol (practising all the joins)

## Supporting activities

copy words

copy sentences

copy poems

match questions to answers

copy jokes

make and copy compound words

## Step 4:

ning ping ting

o cod oo

ake ome are

fla flo fle

who wha whe

ie in il

inly ky ny

ap ar an

ick uck ack

he we re

fte fir fin

wra wri kni (silent letters)

ii ll tt rr nn mm cc o odd ss ff ee

ew ev ex (spacing)

th ht fl (proportions)

ac ag af

## Capital letters

Decorated capital letters

Practising with punctuation ! ? z ? , '

## Supporting activities

Copy words

Trace and copy

Copy tongue twisters

Copy instructions

## Step 5:

Practise consistency of letter size

Practise using the diagonal joining line

Practising leaving an equal space between letters

Practising joining to the letter y

Practising using a horizontal joining line

Practising the size and height of letters

Practising joining from the letter i

Practising joining to and from the letter v

Practising consistency in the forming and joining of letters

Practise speedwriting

Practise crossing double tt on completing the work.

Practise joining to and from the letter e

Practising joining to and from the letter w

Practising printing

Practising drafting and editing.

Practising joining to the letter t